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In re: Goudsmit, et al.  
Serial No: 09/463,352  
Filed: 21 January 2000  
For: *NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES IN THE AMPLICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1*

Group Art Unit: 1655  
Examiner: B. Sisson

January 31, 2002

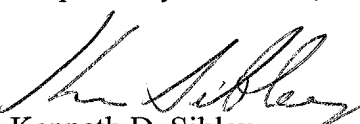
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Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW PRIOR TO FIRST ACTION UNDER  
MPEP § 706.07 (b)**

Sir:

As significant data has been developed demonstrating the above-referenced invention and Applicants wish to discuss submission of this data in the form of a Declaration with the Examiner, Applicants respectfully request an interview prior to first action in this case, consistent with the procedure set forth in MPEP §706.07(b) ("A request for an interview prior to first action on a continuing or substitute application should ordinarily be granted.").

Respectfully submitted,

  
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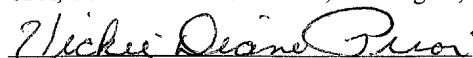
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